

(d) if so, whether Government have made any strategy for the year 2006-07 to apply resources more effectively to achieve the goal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), a National flagship programme to provide quality elementary education to all children in the 6-14 years age group in a time bound manner, is being implemented in all the 12 districts of Himachal Pradesh. Through an independent survey conducted in 2005 it was estimated that there are approximately 5027 children in the 6—14 years age group who were out of school.

The Government of India has approved an outlay of Rs. 121.18 crore for implementation of the SSA for the year 2006-07 for Himachal Pradesh.

CAG revelations on SSA and Mid-Day Meal Scheme

†2764. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has revealed any misuse of amount allotted by the Centre to the States under the heads of 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-day Meal scheme';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to eradicate corruption in these campaigns;

(d) whether Government would collect data relating to success of these campaigns through the district Collectors; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) In the light of the report on the Performance Audit of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), submitted by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India in August 2006, for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05, and the examination of the points raised therein by the Government of India and State/UT SSA programmes, an

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amount of about Rs. 53 crores can be classified as expenditure not covered under the SSA guidelines. Under mid-day meal scheme, no misuse of funds has been reported.

(c) The States/UTs have already been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future. Government of India is monitoring the use of SSA funds through annual State/UT audits, independent concurrent financial reviews and field monitoring through 41 social science institutions. In cases of diversion of funds the Government of India has directed States to recoup the inadmissible expenditure to the State SSA programmes.

(d) and (e) The monitoring systems of the SSA *inter alia*, do collect data from districts for various aspects of the programme.

Disaster preparedness in school curriculum

2765. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposed to change the school curriculum by including 'disaster preparedness' giving necessary training to students and also to make it a compulsory subject; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), has introduced topics on disaster management as a part of curriculum in Social Science subjects for class VIII from the academic session 2003-04 and extended it upto class X in subsequent years. It was also extended to class XI and part of syllabus in Geography and Sociology from the academic session 2005-06. Social Science is a compulsory subject for all students at the secondary level. Disaster preparedness has been included as an integral component of the new Social Sciences and Science textbooks of NCERT, based on the National Curriculum Framework 2005.

Gandhian Chairs in the universities

2766. SHRI K.P.K. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: